

CLAIMS

What I claim is:

1. In an improved cargo bed cover for cargo beds of a vehicle the improvement comprising:

said cargo bed cover of substantially a height of a cab portion of the vehicle and disposed, at least primarily, aft of the cab portion of the vehicle and said cargo bed cover retractable to thereby render said cargo bed open over at least a portion of its length.
2. The improved cargo bed cover of claim 1 wherein retraction of the cargo bed cover renders said cargo bed open over at least thirty percent of its length.
3. The improved cargo bed cover of claim 1 wherein retraction of the cargo bed cover renders said cargo bed open over at least forty percent of its length.
4. The improved cargo bed cover of claim 1 wherein retraction of the cargo bed cover renders said cargo bed open over at least fifty percent of its length.
5. The improved cargo bed cover of claim 1 wherein retraction of the cargo bed cover renders said cargo bed open over at least sixty percent of its length.
6. The improved cargo bed cover of claim 1 wherein retraction of the cargo bed cover renders said cargo bed open over at least seventy percent of its length.
7. The improved cargo bed cover of claim 1 wherein said cargo bed cover is comprised of two or more cargo bed cover elements.
8. The improved cargo bed cover of claim 1 wherein said cargo bed cover is comprised of three cargo bed cover elements.

9. The improved cargo bed cover of claim 1 wherein said cargo bed cover is comprised of four cargo bed cover elements.
10. The improved cargo bed cover of claim 1 wherein a first cargo bed cover element of the cargo bed cover is fixedly attached to the vehicle.
11. The improved cargo bed cover of claim 10 wherein said first cargo bed cover element of the cargo bed cover is enclosed on its forward end and its sides.
12. The improved cargo bed cover of claim 1 wherein one or more of cargo bed cover elements of the cargo bed cover slide aft to effect a covered closure over the cargo bed.
13. The improved cargo bed cover of claim 1 wherein one or more of cargo bed cover elements of the cargo bed cover slide forward to effect an open aft end of the cargo bed.
14. The improved cargo bed cover of claim 1 wherein, when extended aft, said cargo bed cover is lockable to a tailgate of a pickup truck.
15. The improved cargo bed cover of claim 1 which further comprises a stoplight affixed proximal an aft end of a first cargo bed cover element.
16. The improved cargo bed cover of claim 1 which further comprises a stoplight affixed proximal an aft portion of a rearmost cargo bed cover element as seen with the cargo bed cover extended rearward.
17. The improved cargo bed cover of claim 1 wherein elements of said cargo bed cover slide in tracks disposed either side of the cargo bed.
18. The improved cargo bed cover of claim 17 wherein said tracks include rolling elements.

19. The improved cargo bed cover of claim 18 wherein said rolling elements are ball bearings.
20. The improved cargo bed cover of claim 18 wherein said rolling elements are roller bearings.
21. The improved cargo bed cover of claim 1 wherein elements of said cargo bed cover have upward turning seal portions to prevent water from entering the cargo bed when said elements are extended to cover the cargo bed.
22. The improved cargo bed cover of claim 21 wherein seal portions disposed between elements of said cargo bed cover may include a seal element that may be compressed.
23. In an improved cargo bed cover for cargo beds of a vehicle the improvement comprising:
said cargo bed cover of substantially a height of a cab portion of the vehicle and retractable, at least in part, into the cab portion of the vehicle to thereby render said cargo bed open over at least a portion of its length.
24. In an improved cargo bed cover for cargo beds of a vehicle the improvement comprising:
said cargo bed cover of substantially a height of a cab portion of the vehicle and comprised of one or more retractable cargo bed cover elements to thereby, when said retractable cargo bed cover elements are retracted, render said cargo bed open over at least a portion of its length. .